

C. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In order to better assist the Examiner with the prosecution of the case, the current pending claims have been included in their entirety for which reconsideration is requested.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for displaying, at a client, transient messages received over a network, the method comprising:
capturing, independently of a user action, at different times, a plurality of separate screen images, of only a portion of a display at the client, of a plurality of different multimedia objects each containing at least one transient message and each rendered on [a] the portion of the display at the client;
storing each captured screen image of the multimedia object, in a chronological list; and
displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in ~~at least one of~~ a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering a given multimedia object from which the screen images were captured.
2. (CANCELED)
3. (PREVIOUSLY CANCELED)
4. (CANCELED)
5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the different times are determined by a configurable periodic interval.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 5 wherein the configurable periodic interval occurs for a configurable duration of time.
7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein the different times are determined by a change in content.
8. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 7 wherein the change in content is determined by utilizing a document object model of the displayed page to determine the change of content as a triggering event to capture the screen image.
9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for displaying, at a client, at least one transient message received over a network, the method comprising:
determining a change in content of at least one of a plurality of displayed page pages received over a network by utilizing a document object model of the displayed pages to determine the change of content, wherein at least one of the at least one displayed pages page contains at least one transient message and is rendered on a portion of a display at the client;
capturing, independently of a user action, a screen image, of only the portion of the display, of each displayed page when it is determined that there is a change in content by utilizing the document object model of the displayed page as a triggering event to capture the screen image;
storing each captured screen image of the displayed pages in a chronological list; and
displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen capture images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with the displayed page from which the screen images were captured.

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18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer system having a display for displaying transient messages received over a network, the computer system comprising:
means for capturing, independently of a user action, at different times, a plurality of separate screen images, of only a portion of the display, of a plurality of different multimedia objects each containing at least one transient message and each rendered on the portion of the display;
a storage area having each captured screen image of the multimedia objects in a chronological list; and
means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the

displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering a given multimedia object from which the screen images were captured.

19. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 18 wherein the different times are determined by a configurable periodic interval.

20. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 18 wherein the configurable periodic interval occurs for a configurable duration of time.

21. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 18 wherein the different times are determined by a change in content.

22. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The system of claim 21 wherein the change in content is determined by utilizing a document object model of the displayed page to determine the change of content as a triggering event to capture the screen image.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer system having a display for displaying at least one transient message received over a network, the system comprising:
means for determining a change in content of at least one of a plurality of displayed page
pages received over a network by utilizing a document object model of the displayed
pages to determine the change of content, wherein at least one of the at least one displayed
pages page contains at least one transient message and is rendered on a portion of a
display at the client;

means for capturing, independently of a user action, a screen image, of only the portion of
the display, of each displayed page when it is determined that there is a change in content
by utilizing the document object model of the displayed page as a triggering event to
capture the screen image;

a storage area having each captured screen image of the displayed pages in a chronological list; and

means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen capture images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with the displayed page from which the screen images were captured.

24. (CANCELED)

25. (PREVIOUSLY CANCELED)

26. (PREVIOUSLY CANCELED)

27. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The system of claim 23 wherein the means for enabling a subsequent rendering further comprises means for redisplaying a sequence of each saved image at a rate predetermined by the user.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer program, on a computer usable medium, having computer readable program code means for enabling a display of transient messages received over a network, the computer program comprising:
means for enabling a capture, independently of a user action, at different times, of a plurality of separate screen images, of only a portion of a display at a client, of a plurality of different multimedia objects each containing at least one transient message and each rendered on [a] the portion of the display at [a] the client;
means for storing each captured screen image of the multimedia object in a chronological list; and

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means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in ~~at least one of~~ a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering a given multimedia object from which the screen images were captured.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer program, on a computer usable medium, having computer readable program code means for enabling a display of at least one transient message received over a network, the system comprising:

means for determining a change in content of at least one of a plurality of displayed page pages received over a network by utilizing a document object model of the displayed pages to determine the change of content, wherein ~~at least one of~~ the at least one displayed pages page contains at least one transient message and is rendered on a portion of a display at the client;

means for enabling a capture, independently of a user action, of a screen image, of only the portion of the display, of each displayed page when it is determined that there is a change in content by utilizing the document object model of the displayed page as a triggering event to capture the screen image;

means for storing each captured screen image of the displayed pages in a chronological list; and

means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen capture images in ~~at least one of~~ a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with the displayed page from which the screen images were captured.

30. (CANCELED)

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32. (PREVIOUSLY CANCELED)

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for redisplaying, at a client, transient messages received over a network and displayed by a browser, the method comprising: capturing, independently of a user action, at different times, at least two screen images of only a portion of a display at the client each having a different transient message; storing each captured screen image of the different transient messages in a chronological list; and

displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in ~~at least one of~~ a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering a given transient message from which the screen images were captured.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer system having a display for redisplaying transient messages received over a network and displayed by a browser, the computer system comprising:

means for capturing, independently of a user action, at different times, at least two screen images of only a portion of the display each having different transient messages; a storage area having each captured screen image of the different transient messages in a chronological list; and

means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in ~~at least one of~~ a forward and backward

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succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering the transient message from which the screen images were captured.

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer program, on a computer usable medium, having computer readable program code means for enabling a redisplay of transient messages received over a network and displayed by a browser, the computer program comprising:

means for enabling a capture, independently of a user action, at different times, of at least two screen images of only a portion of a display at a client running the browser and having different transient messages rendered on [a] the portion of the display at a client; means for storing each captured screen image of the different transient messages in a chronological list; and

means for displaying the chronological list with control buttons for enabling a subsequent rendering of the stored screen captured images in at least one of a forward and backward succession, at a user configurable rate, in response to a user selection of one of the displayed control buttons, wherein the displayed control buttons are independent of any playback control displayed in conjunction with initially rendering a given transient message from which the screen images were captured.